

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. FRANK T. LIBBY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank T. Libby and recognize his accomplishments as President and Executive-Secretary Treasurer of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. Frank's 42 years of service and dedication is nothing short of remarkable and deserves distinct recognition.

Throughout his career, Frank Libby took on many roles in order to benefit his fellow carpenters and members of organized labor throughout Chicagoland. Since 2008, Frank has served as President and Executive-Secretary Treasurer of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest building trades union in the state, representing over 70 counties and tens of thousands of members. Under Frank's leadership, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' Labor and Management Committee piloted Built to Last, an Emmy-nominated television program to educate future contractors to think innovatively, use sustainable building techniques, and be energy efficient in their construction. Only one of Frank's many successes, this example hardly scratches the surface, with his contributions ranging from countless dispute negotiations and resolutions, to bolstering the local economy by bringing a variety of organizations together. During his tenure, he has protected the interests of thousands of skilled men and women, all of whom provide integral services to our community.

Frank Libby has also served as a board member for both the Carpenters' Welfare and Pension Funds as well as the Carpenters' Apprenticeship Training Fund, strengthening a carpenter's entrance to and exit from the profession. He has been a president of a Local, a champion of trade shows, a trustee of apprenticeships, and even a guest columnist. The dedication Frank has demonstrated for his fellow workers is admirable and certainly deserves recognition. As such I congratulate Mr. Libby on his retirement, where he will now have time to share his favorite diversion with his wife and daughter: fishing.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Frank T. Libby. His commitment to organized labor and successes in leadership have improved the lives of tens of thousands of families. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family well in the future.

CAPTAIN THOMAS A. HOFFMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Captain Thomas A. Hoffman, U.S. Army, for his service to our country.

Captain Hoffman graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon his graduation and went on to serve on active duty for almost five years in the U.S., Europe and Republic of Vietnam. He served with the 14th Cavalry Regiment patrolling the border of East Germany and as an airborne parachutist officer in Vietnam. While in Vietnam, Captain Hoffman participated in the TET Counteroffensive and the Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III and IV. His military awards and decorations include the Army Commendation, National Defense Service Medals and Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars.

Captain Hoffman served for 24 years in the Jefferson County Public School system in various positions from teacher to school administrator. Additionally, Captain Hoffman continued his public service as a community activist, mediator, ski instructor, and volunteer firefighter and on the board of directors for the Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District.

Captain Hoffman's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Captain Hoffman for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF MSGT (RET.)
MILTON LOCKETT, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated husband, father, community servant, trailblazer, and Army Ranger, MSGT (RET) Milton "Davey" Lockett, Jr., Sadly, MSGT Lockett passed away on June 27, 2018. His funeral services were held on July 3, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Hill-Watson-People's Funeral Service LLC, in Columbus, Georgia.

MSGT Lockett was born on February 5, 1935, to the union of Milton Lockett, Sr., and Bessie Mae Richards Lockett in College Park, Georgia. He married Ida Clay Lockett on February 12, 1955, and God blessed that union to

last for 52 years. One son was born to that union. God has blessed his current union to his wife, Angela for seven years.

It has been said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." MSGT Lockett paid his rent and he paid it well. His distinguished Military career commenced in the United States Army in February, 1952. Over the course of the next 21 plus years, MSGT Lockett distinguished himself as a great soldier. He served in the Korean Conflict and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. His first tour was with the 1st Infantry division in 1966 and 1967. His second tour was with the 101st Airborne Division in 1968 and 1969. During his distinguished career, he received multiple Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons to include: the National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device, the Vietnam Service Medal w/1 silver star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, an Army Service Gallantry with Palm and Bronze Star, and 4 Overseas Service Bars.

Not only was MSGT Lockett a great soldier, he was also a trailblazer. He was the first African-American Ranger Instructor in the History of the Army in 1959. Because of his excellence, he performed for President John F. Kennedy in 1961. He was inducted in the Ranger Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame in 2014. One portion of the Ranger Creed reads as follows: . . . "Never shall I fail my comrades." I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one-hundred percent and then some. . . . MSGT Lockett always gave "one hundred percent and then some."

Even after his distinguished military career ended, he continued to give of himself in service to his community. He was a member of the First African Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, Past Master of the Sons of King Solomon No. 358, Electric City Chapter No. 482, 32 degree, Royal Arc and also, a Shriner. He was well known in the Columbus community for his anti-crime efforts to include neighborhood watches and leading marches against crime. The Columbus City Council recognized him in 2007 for his work as president of Columbus Against Drugs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian and the more than 730,000 constituents of the Second Congressional District in recognizing MSGT (Ret.) Milton "Davey" Lockett for his dedicated service to our country and his community. I further ask my colleagues to join us in expressing condolences to his family, friends and the Columbus, Georgia community. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead. May we all learn from the example of MSGT Ret. Lockett in giving "one hundred percent and then some."

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